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The Honorable Jocelyn Boyd
Chief Clerk/Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

Subject: For concerned citizens in Richland County, South Carolina - Docket No. 2019-281-S

Dear Ms. Boyd:

This letter is in concern for the citizens of District 79 and all citizens of Richland County customers on the proposed rate increase that have been requested by Palmetto Utilities, Inc. ("PUI") in Docket No. 2019-281-S.

The citizens of Richland County have expressed great concern; they cannot continue to pay proposed increases that the application before the Commission contains to sewer customers. This proposed increase would result in an increase in revenue to Palmetto Utilities of approximately \$5.9 million, but adversely affect the citizens in district 79 especially those on a fixed income. The effect of a flat usage rate prevents conservation and management of billed services by such persons. Coupled with the proposed rate increase of approximately 27.8% for sewer service after experiencing an increase that was requested by Palmetto Utilities, Inc. in 2017, this measure has been described as too burdensome by the people that I represent.

On behalf of the citizens of my District 79 and all citizens of Richland County, I respectfully request that concerns be heard not only at the scheduled first Hearing(March 12th), but also provide a second scheduled Hearing(March 19th) for individuals who may not have the opportunity to attend the first Hearing. This is to ensure all concerns are heard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Ivory Thigpen, D.C.", written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Ivory Thigpen, D.C.
S. C. Representative District 79

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